## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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TADASHI SAWAYAMA ET AL.	)	
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Application No.: Div. of Appln. No. 09/294,367	)	
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Filed: Herewith	:	
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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS,	:	
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PROCESSING PROCESS	)	February 11, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

## a.) <u>Introductory Comments</u>

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits and contemporaneous with the filing of the subject application, kindly amend the subject application as follows: